

Immunization Update

October 1, 2005

CHANGES FOR 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

MMR: 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, both after the first birthday and at least 28 days apart, are now required for grade K-12.

Hepatitis B: 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine at appropriate ages and intervals are required for grade K through grade 8. See attached catch-up schedule chart and the sample Hepatitis B letter.

Meningococcal: In 2005 the Washington State Legislature passed a law requiring schools to provide meningococcal information to parents/guardians of students beginning with sixth grade entry. This legislation is effective July 24, 2005. **Meningococcal vaccine is not required.** See attached memo.

UPCOMING CHANGES:

Varicella (Chickenpox): The State Board of Health adopted revised rules for WAC 246-100-166 Immunization of Child Care and School Children against Certain Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

The revisions made were:

- 1) to add varicella (chickenpox) to the list of vaccine-preventable diseases children must be immunized against—the new requirement applies to children under 13 years of age admitted to school or child care centers after July 1, 2006
- 2) to state that children can meet the varicella immunization requirement if they have had the vaccine, have had the disease, or can show evidence of immunity through seriological testing

The tentative plan for implementation includes an **effective date of July 1, 2006** and record screening as follows:

- Kindergarten entry
- 6th grade entry
- All children 19 months and older (through 12 years) who attend licensed child care and preschool

DOH will work on finalizing the implementation plan over the next several months in consultation with stake holders including the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Department of Social and Health Services and the State Board of Health staff. We will take that implementation plan back to the Board for approval prior to the July 1, 2006 effective date.

See attached notice of adoption.

BEGIN NOW

- Using the 2/04 CIS version that lists varicella – either vaccine or disease.
- Encourage parents to document either receipt of vaccine or history of disease
- Begin to work with your computer vendor to accommodate history of disease as compliant. WSIPC can accept history of varicella disease under the 'Waiver' in the Student Vaccination Maintenance screen using the waiver code 'VER' for verified.

Polio:

DOH immunization program will be working with the State Board of Health to approve an exception to the schedule for those students who have had 4 or more doses of vaccine prior to the 4th birthday. You will receive notice when this is approved.

CIS Revision – The CIS form is in the process of revision. The 1995 recommended chart and reference to the chart is being replaced with information about how to obtain the current recommended schedule.

Manual Revision – The manual is being reviewed for needed revisions. Your input is welcome.

ADOLESCENT RECOMMENDATIONS: (NOT REQUIRED)

Diphtheria/Tetanus acellular Pertussis: There are now 2 newly licensed vaccines for adolescents which include Pertussis (Whooping Cough). The acronym is Tdap. Trade-names are Adacel by Sanofi-Pasteur and Boosterix by Glaxo-Smith-Kline. The ACIP recommendation is for:

- 1) adolescents 11 and 12 years of age in place of the Td booster
- 2) adolescents 13 through 18 who missed the 11 to 12 year dose of Td
- 3) adolescents 11 through 18 who have had > 5 years since their last Td vaccine

Meningococcal: Vaccine is recommended for:

- 1) College Freshmen living in dormitories
- 2) 11-12 year old students
- 3) 15 year old (or entering high school)

Varicella (chickenpox): Vaccine is recommended for all adolescents who have not had Varicella disease.

Hepatitis B: 3 dose vaccine series is recommended for adolescents in grades 9-12 who have not previously been vaccinated.

Pregnant teens should be screened for hepatitis B and if not immunized or only partially immunized against hepatitis B should complete the series.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Influenza – See attached Flu Fact sheet. Note English on one side and Spanish on the other. They also are available in Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Vietnamese. You may order more from the DOH Distribution Center. Send email to: immunematerials@doh.wa.gov. We also have many other flu education materials available in multiple languages, including the Cover Your Cough posters. For more information, visit www.doh.wa.gov/flunews.

Influenza vaccine is recommended for:

- 1) Staff and children who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma (hypertension is not considered a high-risk condition);
- 2) Staff and children who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus [HIV]);
- 3) Staff and children who have any condition (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders) that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk for aspiration;
- 4) Children and adolescents (aged 6 months--18 years) who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and, therefore, might be at risk for experiencing Reye syndrome after influenza infection;
- 5) Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season; and
- 6) Children aged 6--23 months.
- 7) Household contacts of persons in the above high risk groups

Healthy persons age 5-49 years old can receive the vaccine in nasal spray form rather than the injectible.

DTaP - The immunization Program currently has a statewide initiative aimed to fight pertussis (whooping cough) and be sure young children receive all recommended DTaP doses on time. **FREE** materials are available including a poster that is appropriate for all child care/early childhood education programs. Please go to our website at: www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/dtap.htm for more information